

In the Claims:

- 1.(currently amended)            A method of deactivating an allergen, the method comprising:  
dispersing into an airspace capable or able to support said allergen an allergen-deactivating amount of a deactivant ~~an allergen-deactivating compound~~  
~~(hereinafter the “deactivant”)~~ comprising one or more of the following materials:  
a citrus oil;  
a mint oil;  
bois de rose oil;  
oil of jasmine;  
frankincense;  
oil of bergamot; and,  
oil of lemon grass.
- 2.(currently amended)            A method according to ~~as claimed~~ claim 1, wherein the deactivant is dispersed into the airspace as a vapour over an extended period, by the use of heat.
- 3.(currently amended)            A method according to claim 1 ~~-as claimed in claim 1 or 2,~~ wherein the deactivant is dispersed via a wick dipped into a reservoir of the deactivant.
- 4.(currently amended)            A method according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any preceding claim,~~ wherein the deactivant is provided as a water-in-oil emulsion containing up to 2% by weight of ~~the deactivant~~ one or more of:  
a citrus oil;  
a mint oil;  
bois de rose oil;  
oil of jasmine;

frankincense;

oil of bergamot; and,

oil of lemon grass.

- 5.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in claim 1 or 2,~~  
wherein the deactivant material is incorporated into a candle ~~which is burnt in the~~  
~~space to be treated.~~

- 6.(currently amended) A method according to ~~as claimed in claim 5,~~ wherein the  
candle comprises at least 2% by weight of one or more of:  
a citrus oil;  
a mint oil;  
bois de rose oil;  
oil of jasmine;  
frankincense;  
oil of bergamot; and,  
oil of lemon grass  
the deactivant (wt of deactivant/wt of combustible body of the candle).

- 7.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any~~  
~~preceding claim,~~ wherein the deactivant is dispersed into the airspace on two or  
more separate periods ~~occasions, separated by period(s) of no deactivant material.~~

- 8.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any~~  
~~preceding claim,~~ wherein the deactivant is one or more as-extracted oils selected  
from:  
a citrus oil;  
a mint oil;  
bois de rose oil;  
oil of jasmine;

frankincense;  
oil of bergamot; and,  
oil of lemon grass a said oil in its as-extracted form.

9.(currently amended)      A method according to claim 1 as claimed in any preceding claim, and which employs as deactivant two or more of said compounds, wherein at least two of the said materials, said compounds are co-dispersed into the airspace.

10.(currently amended)      A method according to as claimed in claim 9, wherein the at least two of the said materials are selected from the following pairs of said materials; and employing one of the following deactivant combinations;  
oil of bergamot and bois de rose oil;  
oil of lemon grass and bois de rose oil;  
a citrus oil and oil of bergamot;  
a citrus oil and oil of jasmine.

11.(currently amended)      A method Use in deactivating an allergen at a locus of one or more of the following materials:  
a citrus oil;  
a mint oil;  
bois de rose oil;  
oil of jasmine;  
frankincense;  
oil of bergamot; and,  
oil of lemon grass, comprising the step of contacting said allergen with at least one of said materials.

12.(currently amended)      A method of deactivating allergens on a surface located within an airspace which comprises the step of;

dispersing into said airspace Use of one or more of the following materials:

a citrus oil;

a mint oil;

bois de rose oil;

oil of jasmine;

frankincense;

oil of bergamot; and,

oil of lemon grass

~~dispersed into an airspace in order to deactivate an allergen on a surface which is within that airspace.~~

13.(currently amended) An allergen deactivant composition comprising one or more, being one of the following:

a mixture of oil of bergamot and bois de rose oil;

a mixture of oil of lemon grass and bois de rose oil;

a mixture of a citrus oil and oil of bergamot;

a mixture of a citrus oil and oil of jasmine.